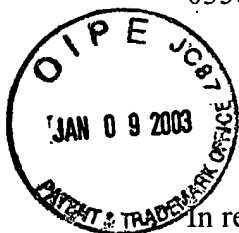


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yuji INOUE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/096,515

Filed: June 12, 1998

For: BUILDING MATERIAL, CLADDING ASSEMBLY,
METHOD OF INSTALLING BUILDING MATERIAL, AIR
FLOWING APPARATUS, AND GENERATOR

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: Examiner: D. Dorsey

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ERRONEOUS NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submits that the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 16, 2002, was issued erroneously because Applicants timely filed a Response to Office Action and Petition for Extension of Time on December 6, 2002. Therefore, Applicants request that the Commissioner restore the above-identified application to pending status and consider the December 6, 2002 Response on the merits.

FACTS

- 1) Applicants received an Office Action mailed June 6, 2002.

2) Applicants filed a Response to Office Action and Petition for Extension of Time with a Certificate of Mailing on December 6, 2002. In that Paper, Applicants petitioned for a three month extension and submitted the requisite fee. Applicants also filed an Information Disclosure Statement citing four documents on that date. Attached as Appendix A are copies of those papers as filed, including the certificate of mailing. A copy of the postcard bearing a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailroom stamp of December 12, 2002, acknowledging receipt of these papers, is also attached in Appendix A.

3) Applicants received the Notice of Abandonment mailed December 16, 2002, in the above identified application, stating that no reply to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2002 has been received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

RELIEF REQUESTED

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that they filed a Response to the June 6, 2002 Office Action in a timely manner. The Commissioner is respectfully requested to restore the above-identified application to pending status and to return the application to the Examiner for further prosecution.

FEE

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205 for any fees which may be due. However, since it is believed that the erroneous holding of abandonment is a result of circumstances not attributable in any way to Applicants or their representatives, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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Transmitted herewith is a Response To Office Action in the above-identified application.

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- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for a three-month extension is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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